

Date: 27th September 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/0133333/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am looking for information regarding driving offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 linked with unsuitable footwear or clothing.

Specifically I am looking for:

- A list of all offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) that are linked to footwear or clothing***
- Fines attributed to each offence***
- Total cost of fines in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) that are linked to footwear or clothing***
- Total number of offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) linked to footwear or clothing***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request.

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. There is no driving offence relating specifically to footwear and clothing. If an officer decided to take action this could potentially fall under the overarching offence of 'driving without due care and attention'. To determine if a 'driving without due care and attention' offence is relating to footwear or clothing we would need to manually check every notice submitted by officers for 2023 and 2024, there is over 6,200 notices. Officers are not required to record the specifics of the notice so therefore the figures would not be conclusive. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to locate the requested information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk